

In the Claims:

Please cancel Claim 16, replace Claims 1, 2, 5, 7-11, and 15, and add Claims 17-25 all as shown below. All pending claims are reproduced below, including those that remain unchanged.

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1. (Currently Amended): A method for obtaining a travel time, comprising the steps of:
 - (a) ~~requesting receiving at a remote location a search category from a user communication device;~~
 - (b) ~~obtaining identifying a plurality of locations in the search category which are within a selected search area;~~
 - (c) ~~computing a first travel time from a first location an origin to a second first location in the plurality of locations; and,~~
 - (d) ~~storing the first travel time and respective first location; and~~
~~transmitting the first location from the remote location to the communication device;~~
~~wherein the communication deyivee is one of a telephone and a personal digital assistant.~~
2. (Currently Amended): The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:
computing a second travel time from the ~~origin~~ first location to a ~~second~~ third location in the plurality of locations; and,
sorting the first travel time and second travel time by ascending order.
3. (Original): The method of claim 1, wherein the search category is restaurants and the first location is a first restaurant.

4. (Original): The method of claim 1, wherein the search category is gas stations and the first location is a gas station.

5. (Currently Amended): The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of expanding the selected search area.

6. (Original): The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:
determining whether a preselected number of locations have respective travel times computed.

7. (Currently Amended): The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:
estimating the first travel time by dividing a distance from the origin first location to the first second location by a maximum speed; and,
determining whether the estimated first time is less than a predetermined limit.

8. (Currently Amended): The method of claim 1, wherein the obtaining identifying step includes searching a database for a plurality of locations within a selected geographical area.

9. (Currently Amended): The method of claim 1, wherein the communication device is the requesting step further includes prompting a user on a cellular telephone phone display.

10. (Currently Amended): A method for obtaining a travel time, comprising the steps of:
(a) requesting receiving at a remote location a search category from a user communication device;

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- (b) — obtaining identifying a plurality of locations in the search category which are within a selected search area;
- (c) — determining whether the selected search area should be expanded based upon the plurality of locations;
- (d) — estimating a first travel time by dividing the distance from the first location an origin to the second a first location by a maximum speed;
- (e) — determining whether the estimated first travel time is less than a predetermined limit;
- (f) — computing a the first travel time from a first location the origin to a second the first location in the plurality of locations;
- (g) — storing the first travel time and respective first location;
- (h) — computing a second travel time from a first location the origin to a third second location in the plurality of locations; and;
- (i) — sorting the first travel time with the second travel time based upon ascending values;
compiling a list from the sorted first travel time and second travel time, the list including travel time and location address; and
transmitting the list from the remote location to the communication device;
wherein the communication device is one of a telephone and a personal digital assistant.

11. (Currently Amended): A system for obtaining a minimum travel time from an origin to a first location, comprising:

- (a) — a communication device for inputting a user selected category and receiving a first location, from the user selected category, having the minimum travel time;

(b) — a transmitter/receiver, means for transmitting and receiving coupled to the communication device, for receiving the user selected category and transmitting the first location; and,

(c) — a processing device, coupled to the transmitter/receiver means for transmitting and receiving, for computing the minimum travel time;

wherein the communication device is one of a telephone and a personal digital assistant.

12. (Original): The system of claim 11, wherein the communication device is a cellular telephone.

13. (Original): The system of claim 11, wherein the category is a restaurant category.

14. (Original): The system of claim 11, wherein the processing device is a computer.

15. (Currently Amended): The system of claim 11, further comprising:

(d) — a persistence storage device, coupled to the processing device, for storing map information.

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17. (New): A method for obtaining a list of targets, comprising the steps of:

receiving a request for a search category from a communication device;

receiving a search area from an input source;

identifying a plurality of targets in the search category which are within the search area;

computing a travel time for at least one of the plurality of targets from an origin to the target; sorting each of the plurality of targets for which a travel time has been computed by the respective travel time;

compiling a list of the sorted plurality of targets; and

displaying the list to a user via the communication device;

wherein the communication device is one of a telephone and a personal digital assistant.

18. (New): The method of claim 17, wherein the input source is the communication device.

19. (New): The method of claim 17, wherein the input source is a computer server.

20. (New): The method of claim 17, wherein the search category is restaurants.

21. (New): The method of claim 17, wherein the search category is gas stations.

22. (New): The method of claim 17, further comprising the step of modifying the search area.

23. (New): The method of claim 17, further comprising the step of:

estimating whether a travel time is less than a predetermined limit by dividing a distance from the origin to the target by a maximum speed.

24. (New): The method of claim 17, wherein the identifying step includes searching a database for a plurality of targets within a search area.

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25. (New): The method of claim 17, wherein the communication device is a cellular telephone.
